

REMARKS

The election/restriction requirement dated March 24, 2006 holds that this application contains claims directed to two patentably distinct inventions and five embodiments. More specifically, Applicants are required to elect one of the following patentably distinct inventions for prosecution on the merits under 35 U.S.C. §121:

Species Group I	–	Embodiment 1, Figure 1
		Embodiment 2, Figure 8
		Embodiment 3, Figure 9
		Embodiment 4, Figure 15
		Embodiment 5, Figure 18
Species Group II	–	Embodiment 4, Figure 15
		Embodiment 5, Figure 18

Additionally, the Office Action indicates that there is no generic claim.

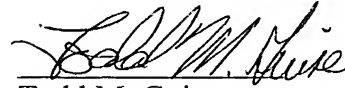
In response, Applicants hereby elect Group II – Embodiment 4 directed to a timing device illustrated in Figures 15 without traverse. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request examination of claims 10-14, 18-23 and 26, since they read on the elected species shown in Figure 15. Claims 1-9, 15-17, 24, 25, and 27 are believed to be directed to a non-elected embodiment. Thus, these claims 1-9, 15-17, 24, 25, and 27 can be withdrawn from consideration in this case.

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Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

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